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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


**SUBJECT: Reported Travel of Representative Donald J. Riegle
to Vietnam**

Met with Mr. Francis G. Merrill, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, who advised that although Representative Donald J. Riegle, Jr., has mentioned possible consideration of a trip to Vietnam in February or later this year, no planning or approval of such a trip on behalf of the Committee is known to Mr. Merrill. The name John Inglehart, a reputed Special Assistant to Representative Riegle, is unknown to Mr. Merrill, who advised that only Carl Blake, Mr. Riegle's Administrative Assistant, is cleared for access to classified Committee material. Mr. Merrill indicated that the Congressman has been very interested in Vietnam and pursued the subject vigorously during the rather extensive hearings held by the Subcommittee last year.


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